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Editorial:

To Help Preserve A Precious Heritage . . .

The heroic epic of the Mormon Pioneers in their settlement of the American West is recognized as one of the most significant migrations in world history. They blazed new trails across plains and mountains to establish settlements and a territory which eventually became the States of Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada, Arizona, California and Colorado.

The Sons of Utah Pioneers is an organization founded to bring together descendents of the western pioneers and other men of like interest who share the same spiritual, cultural and patriotic ideals. In 1933 the articles of incorporation stated the society's purpose to be: "To build upon the foundation established by the Pioneers, which consist of those eternal values involving devotion to God and to country."

Although originally including only those who are descended from pioneers before the completion of the transcontinental railroad, membership has been broadened to include those who hold to the same principles and ideals. The Society is not limited to residents of any state, region or country, but is open to all who desire to support its ideals.

Those who wish to join together in such fellowship, in chapters numbering from 10 to 150 members,

meet monthly to enjoy fellowship and heritage preserving activities. Those not similarly situated are members-at-large. All memberships receive the Society's bi-monthly magazine and are equally eligible to participate in activities and hold local and national offices.

- You will associate with men who emulate and honor the accomplishments of the Pioneers who think and strive for the same real values of life which characterized their lives.

- You will receive a membership certificate suitable for framing.

- You will receive a membership card for your wallet which will permit you and your family to visit without charge the Sons of Utah Pioneers Pioneer Village at Lagoon and the Railroad Museum at Heber City, Utah.

- You will have the privilege of joining one of the many chapters of the Society and associating with its members in their programs, dinners and other activities.

Some have felt this so strong about this organization that they wanted to share and have given membership to their children as birthday or anniversary gifts. Arthur and Maxine Lind did this with their family. Arthur said, "Where else could your children find the spirit of their ancestors and learn about them. Meet with wonderful people who have something in common."

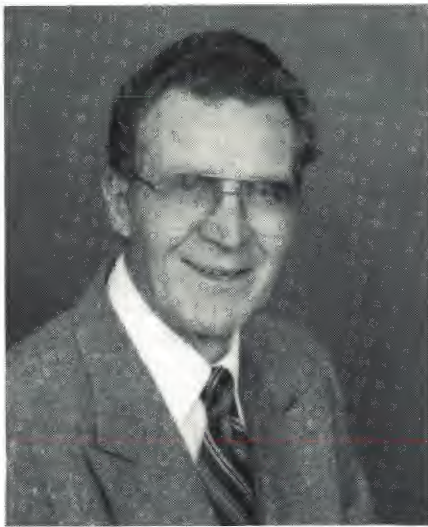
This can be done simply by paying fifty dollars with an application for a lifetime membership and then on the first of January for the next two succeeding years pay fifty dollars. This must be in consecutive years or if you want you can pay thirty dollars for an annual membership each year.

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President's Message

We are excited about the monuments and plaques being dedicated, the response to the Life Membership challenge, and the annual dues cooperation.

It's July! Let's celebrate at the 4th of July activities and the parade and Pioneer Days of '47 events and enjoy the biggest S.U.P. meeting of the year - the National Encampment in St. Johns, Arizona, August 4, 5, & 6th.

Our eyes are on the future, but we can be guided by the wisdom of the past, and the ideals and faith of those who helped establish this empire. We remember the modern sustaining "boosters," and thank you.

We are greatly blessed. The tax problem is solved, and we are progressing on solving other problems.

Let's renew our efforts to build membership, activity, encourage life membership, or annual dues participation, tile recognition, and name memorialization, and your personal histories in the library here at National Headquarters.

Report the news from your chapters, so we can publish this in the PIONEER. If we receive two copies of the magazine at the same address, or if you missed a copy, let us know. All members should receive this fine publication. Non-members of S.U.P. are urged to subscribe at \$12.00 per year.

We are proud to be Americans. Let's show our patriotism and gratitude for this great country.

Thank you for your loyalty and friendship. Remember - WE CAN

EXCEL, by working together. You are great and wonderful people and we appreciate you. Continued success.

Everett H. Call

Tiles Purchased to Date by Chapters since July 1, 1987

Mesa	14
Olympus Hills	14
East Mill Creek	9
Box Elder	7
Salt Lake City	6
Canyon Rim	5
At Large	4
Sugar House	4
EMC Mills	4
Brigham Young	3
Holladay	3
Temple Quarry	3
South Davis	2
Twin Peaks	2
Murray	2
Pot/Wash.	2
Salt Lake Pioneer	2
Parleys Historic Park	2
George Albert Smith	1
Pioneer Heritage	1
Temple Fork	1
Oquirrh Mountains	1
Sierra	1
Taylorville/Bennion	1
Settlement Canyon	1
Tempe	1

Tiles Purchased to Date

#787 Roman & Clara Moncur	AL
#788 Glen & Audrey Garr	NM
#789 Edward & Rachel Jackson	OlyH
#790 Rob & Kaylene Coleman	OlyH
#791 Kelli & Myra Kramer	NM
#792 Edward & Ruth Cranney	TQ
#793 Ciril & Marie Cranney	TQ
#794 Martin & Mary Schwab	TQ
#795 David & Mary Ann Huefner	EMC
#796 Victor & Ada Lindblad	EMC
#797 Neff & Merze Petersen	EMC
#798 Lee & Blanche Thompson	Tem
#799 Dwaine & Lorraine Nielson	Mills

New Members

Grant Ashby	PH
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David E. Clarke	OgPi
C. Arnold Curtis	OqMt
Gary Jack Hopkinson	GAS
Wilford M. Jones	HV
Daniel Reed Laker	Hol
Wm. E. McKell	BY
Winston Palmer	TB

Name Memorialization since July 1, 1987

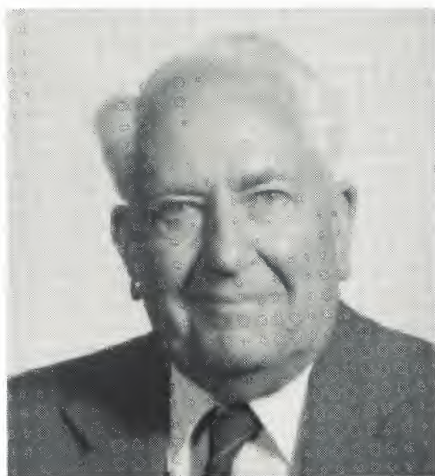
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Joseph Lindsey	8	SLC
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Emily Hanks	3	NM
Shirley Ferguson	2	HV
Verdell Hinton	2	HV
Darlene Lords	1	BH
Ethelyn Taylor	2	TP
Lewis Murdock	12	Hol
Elaine Briggs	4	NM
R. K. Udall	5	LCR
John Alley	1	Mills
Rosalie Olsen	4	AL
Caryn Bing	2	SH
Robert Harris	2	SH
Wm. Burt	2	AL
Richard Jackson	2	CR
John F. Goble	2	
T. Frank Swallow	1	SH
Merrill Croft	4	SH
Meade Harker	1	NM
Hollis D. Smith	4	Hol
Laura F. Anderson	3	
Eliza Black	1	

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1683	Vagn Gerlach	Mills
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1692	Max Smart	SIE
1693	Cecil Dutton	HV
1694	Vaughn M. Erikson	Mur
1695	Harold P. Porter	Me
1696	Don C. Call	BE
1697	Angus H. Belliston	BY
1698	Leslie S. Dunn, Jr.	BE
1699	Nathan H. Gardner	TF

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Robert T. Wagstaff

Candidate for President-elect Robert T. Wagstaff

Robert T. Wagstaff was born in Holladay, Utah (Hillsden Drive) May 22, 1914 to Arthur J. and Jessie McDonald Wagstaff. He is the seventh son of eight boys. The family moved to Carey, Idaho, and from age 5 to 10 years old, experienced the farm life and attended school from first to eighth grades in one room of 20 enrolled. After 5 years, the family moved back to Holladay on the David McDonald farm at 4659 South Hyland Drive.

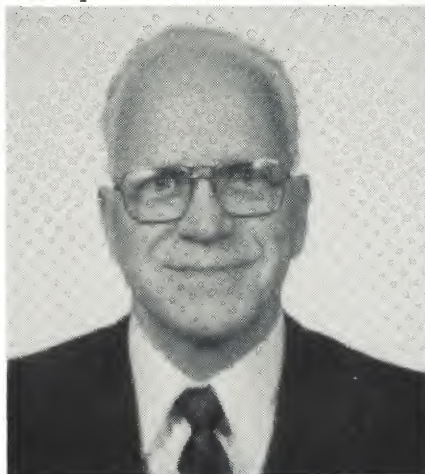
He married Ruth Jackson, Granite High School Vice President. They have one son, two daughters, 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Three years hence they enjoyed their 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary held at the National Building. He joined the SUP in support of brother-in-law Ed Jackson, then President of Olympus Hills Chapter. Later he became President of Olympus Hills Chapter and the past two years as Area Vice President of East Salt Lake.

His Church experience included Elders Quorum President, Seventy President, called to British Isles Mission at age 39 for 2 years leaving wife and three children, and called as Branch President of the Plymouth Branch.

After filling the mission, they moved to Olympus Cove, Holladay Stake and he was called to the High Council under Carlos Smith. Then called to Bishopric of Holladay 7th Ward with Elder M. Russell Ballard and Bishop Partridge. He was called

to the High Council in the Olympus Stake and served as High Priest Group Leader and Ward Clerk.

He worked and organized Budget Oil & Dist. Co., now Budget Oil Holding Co., for over 20 years. Eleven years ago, he was Charter President of the National Good Sam Recreational Club which has received statewide recognition for their accomplishments.



Lawrence L. Epperson, Candidate for President-elect

Education and Training

Graduate of George Washington University National Law Center, Washington, D.C. (June 1937); conferred degree of Juris Doctor (JD) March 1, 1984. Following Larry and Gwenn's Mission to Germany from 1981 to 1982, Larry attended Brigham Young University and graduated August of 1984 with a degree of Master of Public Administration (MPA). Previously completed classes at the U.S. State Department Foreign Service School prior to assignment in Rangoon, Burma. Graduated from the Air War College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces while working as a civilian with the Air Forces and Army Department.

Employment History

Work experience has included over forty years of professional service as a Human Resource Management Specialist and Consultant, as follows: U.S. ARMY DEPARTMENT - World War II Veteran. Civilian Service in Germany, Office of Secretary of the Army in Washington, D.C.; European Command in Heidelberg and Frankfurt

(Germany); Army Civilian Personnel Inspection Office in San Francisco, California; and Dugway Proving Ground in Utah.

U.S. AIR FORCES - Civilian Service at Hill Air Force Base; Saigon (South Vietnam, 1967-68); and Yokota and Tachikawa Air Bases near Tokyo, Japan.

OTHER U.S. CIVIL SERVICE - National Bureau of Standards, Department of Justice, National Recovery Administration, U.S. Information Agency (Rangoon, Burma), and Voice of America (Washington, D.C.).

Professional, Service and Social Activities

Training and Development Consultant (volunteer one day a week [Tuesday] in the LDS Church Training and Development Section).

President of Epperson Enterprises, Inc. (Human Resource Management Consultant), and President of Epperson Genealogical Association.

Organizer and first president of IPMA (International Personnel Management Association) chapters in Utah, Germany and South Vietnam.

Former member of Rotary International with committee assignment on the International Youth Exchange Program.

Chapter member of Sons of Utah Pioneers (1934), and Life Member. President of South Davis Chapter (1987), Vice President for the Salt Lake Area of the National, Member of the National SUP Board of Directors, and Assistant Executive Secretary. (Volunteer one day a week [Monday] at the National Headquarters).

Life Member of the Mormon Battalion, former Chaplain (Major) and Chapter Commander.

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Temple Quarry Chapter Reports Interesting Meetings

The meeting on May 12 was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pitts and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson. They were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Alsop and Mr. and Mrs. John Samuelson.

Following the potluck dinner, the members enjoyed a delightful Mexican program presented by the family of Moreno and LaVina Robins. Mr. Robins, who was a former president of the Guadalajara Mexican Mission, entertained us by telling of their experiences while living in Mexico. Their lovely daughter, Tanya, dressed in a beautiful Mexican outfit, presented a native Mexican dance. Mrs. Robins, who was also dressed in a Mexican gown, showed many souvenirs including handwork, pottery, and other artifacts.

The June meeting was the traditional birthday dinner for the chapter. Members enjoyed a lovely catered dinner provided by Karl Mellor.

A very special program was presented by Bob Bailey, a talented pianist who played tunes from jazz to classical. Bob and his wife, Margaret, spent about 20 months in Europe on a "musical" mission in France and Scotland. They made many friends through the concerts they presented.

Ongoing project is our "food for the needy" which all members are invited to participate in.

Many are looking forward to the national encampment in Arizona, and also to the annual picnic. Hosts for the June meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Reed Newbold and Mr. and Mrs. Golden Buchmiller.



1988 Officers and Directors
Front L to R: John Larsen, Pres.; Russell Harris, Dan Smith, LaMar Gardner. Back Row: Keith Smith, Past Pres.; Elwood Lambert, Robert Davis, John Alley and Frank Bailey. Not Present: Wallace Resander, Pres.-elect; Grant Fisher, W. B. Prestwich.

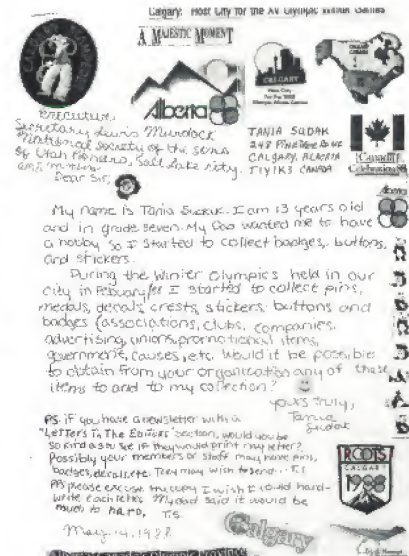
East Mill Creek Mills Reports Progress Presents Officers for 1988

Each year we have had a great president and a First Class Board. Our Board meetings are always well attended and organized with an agenda.

We have many new Life Members and most of our group have purchased Tiles. We have a Bus trip planned to St. Johns for the '88 Encampment and we will be housed in St. Johns as one of our Charter Members. Everett Call is now the National President. Dr. John Larsen, Pres. of the Jordan River Temple, will be Captain of our Bus Trek to St. Johns. There are presently room for a few couples to join our Trek. If interested phone LaMar Gardner for information, 466-4769.

Two of our members have been National Presidents of S.U.P., E. Morton Hill and Kenneth G. Wiseman.

When Pres. Gordon B. Hinckley came to our Reunion last July he questioned our meeting on a Monday evening. After spending our Community Family Home Evening with us, he encouraged us.



Canadian Girl Seeks Help

Executive Secretary Lewis Murdock National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers Salt Lake City

Dear Sir:

My name is Tania Sudak. I am 13 years old and in grade seven. My Dad wanted me to have a hobby so I started to collect badges, buttons and stickers.

During the Winter Olympics held in our city in February/88 I started to collect pins, medals, decals, crests, stickers, buttons and advertising unions, promotional items, government causes, etc. Would it be possible to obtain from your organization any of these items to add to my collection?

Yours truly,
Tania Sudak

P.S. If you have a newsletter with a "Letters to the Editors" section, would you be so kind as to see if they would print my letter? Possibly your members or staff may have pins, badges, decals, etc. they may wish to send.

P.S.2 Please excuse the copy. I wish I could handwrite each letter. My Dad said it would be much too hard. T.S.

Yes, Tania, we will print your letter. We send you our best wishes for success in your venture. You must be a very special girl.

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Ogden Pioneer Chapter Demonstrates Strong, Vibrant Spirit

The members of the Ogden Pioneer Chapter have continued to show throughout the years a strong brotherly spirit toward each other and unified support for the chapter and to the Sons of Utah Pioneer movement.

At the beginning of the 1988 Chapter program the new officers pledged to carry it forward on the same high standard as in past years. Ogden Pioneer Chapter officers for 1988 are Henry A. Matis, President; Gordon Q. Jones, 1st Vice President; Lloyd L. Peterson, 2nd Vice President; Frank B. Carruth, Treasurer and Board Members Richard W. Moyle, Gilbert K. Wallace, William W. Terry, William H. Shurtleff, Eldon Pace, Walter R. Buss, Dale T. Browning, O. Morrell Clark, Glen Thomas and Julius H. Geilman.

Well prepared monthly meetings have furnished the inspiration for ancestral histories and excellent comradeship. A steady growth in membership has resulted.

The jewel showpiece of our year's program was the Ogden Chapter Sweetheart Dinner on May 6th, prior to Mother's Day at the Ogden Hilton Hotel. Guests of honor were President and Mrs. Everett H. Call and President-elect and Mrs. Morris P. Bennion. President Call and President-elect Bennion favored us with inspirational talks. In attendance also were former Sons of Utah Pioneer National Presidents William Critchlow and John Shaw with their wives.

An award, Volunteer Carnation Silver Bowl, was displayed to honor William W. Terry who received it recently in a statewide volunteerism program. President-elect Gordon Q. Jones was applauded for the outstanding evening that he had arranged. 2nd Vice President Lloyd Peterson was congratulated for bringing into the Chapter new members this year.

The Weber Valley Men of Song furnished the musical program and enlivened the evening with a repertoire of well-known, beloved songs.



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John D. Warner of Bountiful, Utah Honored As "Modern Day Pioneer"!

South Davis Sons of Utah Pioneers enjoyed a monthly dinner and meeting and program at the Red Flame Restaurant in Bountiful.

National Vice President Larry Epperson arranged a great program. The emphasis for the month of May was on two important objectives of the Society which were first, the *honoring of modern day pioneers* and second, the *review of a current problem* in the greater Salt Lake community that we should be concerned about.

John and Ruby Warner were honored guests. John Warner worked with the Division of Artificial Organs and the Institute of Biomedical Engineering for 16 years. His *pioneering* story begins in 1976 when he became increasingly aware of the problems of dialysis patients who suffered from kidney failure and had to come to the University of Utah Hospital every other day. There they were attached to a dialysis machine the size of a washing machine for six hours to have impurities removed from their bodies.

With this type of schedule they had little opportunity for recreation until John started arranging non-profit trips under the auspices of the University. The first trip was a three-day houseboat outing on Lake Powell. The second day was spent dialyzing on the bow of the boat while luxuriating in the sunshine and drinking in the colorful scenery. This was made possible by using a portable dialysis machine developed at the University.

That trip was so successful that it was soon followed by many other fantastic adventures, including jeep trips in Canyonlands, Yellowstone and other national parks. One of the most exciting vacations occurred in 1982 when John Warner decided to tackle the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon. In order to do this it was necessary to develop a water treatment system. They first located a filter capable of removing the mud and silt from river water. He got together with engineers and

physicists from the University and assembled a small gasoline-engine-powered water pump to move the water from the muddy Colorado River into a hose, through a sediment filter, then an activated-charcoal filter into a water-softener cylinder and, finally, through a propane-fueled heat exchanger into a 40 gallon cooler where it was mixed with dialysate fluids. From there, it was decanted into smaller coolers for dialyzing the patients. The new system took muddy, 40-degree river water, turned it into softened, 99-degree purified water, and the portable dialysis machine provided safe dialysis anywhere there was water and where patients would like to travel.

The Sons of Utah Pioneers and their wives were awed and delighted by the 20 minute film presentation of the river raft trip down the frothing rapids of the Colorado River. The excitement of the dialysis patients was joy to behold.

The success of this trip prompted John to turn all of his attention to the travel aspects of his work. On January 3rd of 1984, he opened "Wonderland Travel" in Salt Lake City, with "Dialysis in Wonderland" as one of his programs for making travel and other forms of recreation available to the handicapped, the elderly, and others. The program's motto was "Add Years To Your Life and Life To Your Years"!

Soon after this the program included trips to Hawaii and the Virgin Islands, all of which led up to special recognition for John Warner by the National Tour Association resulting in the presentation of the prestigious award as "National Tour Operator of the Year" for his unique services in behalf of the handicapped. The national publicity brought several requests from other Travel Agencies to help them bring people to Utah and the West, and Wonderland Travel became a part of the Beehive/Bonneville Group, the third largest travel agency in Utah. John is currently helping to arrange tours for travel agencies in Japan that have clients who are interested in Utah and the West.

"Shelter The Homeless" was the theme of Ella D. Westley, the keynote speaker for the evening. Ella is Administrative Assistant in

the Greater Salt Lake program. She told how she became aware of this problem after a picnic was rained out leaving considerable leftover food. She tried the Rescue Mission, but no one wanted the food. Then, as she drove through the Pioneer Park area, she noticed people looking in garbage cans for something to eat. Asked if they were hungry, their affirmative answer prompted her to say, "Let's have a picnic." She soon learned that none of the relief facilities furnished meals on Sunday. So she came back the next Sunday with some helpers, more food, and scared stiff, to cook and serve food to the homeless strangers. When her father disapproved, and said that she should be in church on Sunday, she replied that her bishop had given his blessing for this activity. To her surprise, some of the homeless turned out to be formerly prosperous friends who had lost their homes because of rent increases, divorces or unemployment.

The good news is that Greater Salt Lake will soon have a rebuilt shelter in the old Westinghouse Building at 200 South 440 West for which the LDS Church donated \$400,000 originally followed by \$600,000 from the Episcopalian diocese. Still needed is \$700,000 to finish the building which will accommodate 110 family members, a transitional school, and 237 single men. There will also be medical, dental, and substance-abuse clinics and facilities for social work and employment counseling.

Mrs. Westley, a mother of seven and a young grandmother of three, told the group that the homeless favor the Salt Lake area to get work and food. Here, in the pioneer days, came indigent immigrants until they could start rebuilding their lives. The new shelter will provide similar benefits. Those present were strongly motivated to do what they could in support of this worthy cause.

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Hurricane Chapter Sponsors Trek Down Colorado River

On May 27 and 28, the Hurricane Valley Chapter of SUP conducted a trek down the Colorado River. Many members and their wives participated in this interesting event.

They started at Glen Canyon Dam, then went down to Lee's Ferry and the old Lonely Dell Ranch, where the fugitive John D. Lee spent some of his time while avoiding the United States Marshals. On Friday evening, the group gathered at Lonely Dell and National Park Ranger, Riley Mitchell, addressed the group.

Among the group from Hurricane were several descendants of the pioneer, John D. Lee of Mountain Meadow fame. It should be noted that John D. Lee, a friend and adopted son of Brigham Young, was one of the leaders of the Indian-Settlers' party which attacked the Fancher Party headed for California at Mountain Meadows, North of Santa Clara, Utah in the fall of 1857. Some 120 members of the Fancher Party were slain in the attack by Indians and Mormons. The incident became a Church and National scandal. After escaping capture for several years, John D. Lee was taken and tried at Beaver, Utah by the Territorial Court. The first trial ended in a hanging verdict, but the second trial ended in a conviction

for murder. Lee was taken by Federal Marshals to the Mountain Meadows location and executed by the firing squad.

Subsequent research has revealed that Lee, while one of the leading participants in the massacre, was, nevertheless, a scapegoat for the entire attacking party. He was at first excommunicated by the Church; but in recent years has been reinstated to permit final judgement to be exercised in the Eternal Kingdom. The incident at Mountain Meadows, and John D. Lee himself, have been the subject of several books.

The old ferry on the Colorado was started in 1871 by John D. Lee at the request of Brigham Young. It was named Lee's Ferry after John D. Lee and was operated for many years to permit emigrants and Latter-day Saints to cross the turbulent Colorado. It was abandoned about 1930.

At Lonely Dell, following the lecture by Ranger Mitchell, a poem was read by Rosemary Lee, a great granddaughter of pioneer John D. Lee.

Following the program at Lonely Dell, the group enjoyed a Dutch Oven dinner catered by Lynn Sanders of Hurricane.

From Lonely Dell the group boarded buses and journeyed to Page, Arizona. There they boarded pontoon-type boats for a river trip down to Lee's Ferry. The heat was relieved by the cold water of the river. The trip was made memorable by the lectures of Casey, a Park Service Guide and by Einar Erickson, an Archeologist familiar with the river and the area history.

The party went ashore for a lunch beneath the Tamarack brush.

One of the enjoyable aspects of the trek was the joke telling by Casey, the 25-year-old guide from Sandy, Utah. The oldest participant on the trek was Loren Higby, age 91. At Lee's Ferry the party disbanded and returned to their homes in Hurricane Valley.

Heber City Chapter First to Reach 100% Life Membership

A check paying for the Life Membership of R. Raymond Green, received at the National Office of

SUP on April 26, 1988, put the Heber City Chapter over the top with 100% Life Membership for all its members. This constituted the Heber Chapter as the first of all Chapters to reach this 100% goal. Congratulations are extended President Roy Peterson and his group of loyal SUP members.



The Bennions are standing with Dean W. Haslem and Evelyn, Current President and wife.

Pres.-Elect Bennion Visits Temple Fork Chapter

by Stuart H. Richards

April 21, 1988 Morris Bennion, President-Elect of the National Sons of Utah Pioneers, and his wife paid the Temple Fork Chapter of Logan an unexpected visit.

Meeting was held with the board of directors and dining with the chapter membership at the Junction, a cafeteria on the campus of Utah State University. Some seventy persons were present at this meeting.

The membership had a show and tell night where historical memorabilia in possession of members was shown to all.

President-elect Bennion encouraged us to give high priority to memorializing our ancestors as well as placing a tile with our own names on them for future generations to see.

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SUP Encampment at St. Johns, Arizona

Don't miss this great southwest encampment in the beautiful, history-filled town of St. Johns, Arizona. An exciting program has been planned that should be enjoyable for all.

The schedule of events will be as follows:

Thursday, August 4th

- 12:00 noon Registration begins, and continues throughout the day. Report at the high school, west of town. (Individual touring of the local area and museum can be done at this time.) Light refreshments will also be available.
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Opening program in High School Auditorium

Friday, August 5th

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast begins
- 9:00 a.m. Tours
- A. **ZUNI, NM** — Little Colorado River, Coronado Generating Plant (SRP), Gibbons-Lesueur Ambush, Possible route of Coronado Exploration, Witch Wells, Sacred Zuni Mountain, Zuni and Spaniard Battle Site (1540), 350 year old Church in Zuni. And a traditional Zuni Meal and Dance. (This tour will cover 110 miles, and take approximately 4 - 4½ hours.)
- B. **ST. JOHNS** — Early St. Johns Homes, Cemeteries (East and West), Mexican town and history, SUP Marker "Salem", LDS Town history, Court House, Coronado Generating Plant, Apache County Museum. Lunch. (This tour will take approximately 2 - 2½ hours.)
- C. **ROUND VALLEY** — Towns of Springerville and Eagar, Salado, Lyman Dam and history, El Tule, Richville or Walnut Grove, Twenty-four Ranch, Volcano Lava, "Madonna of the Trail" in Springerville, "Cushman Collection" (Museum), Coleman-Barrett Cattle Feud. Lunch. (This tour will take approximately 3 - 3½ hours.)
- 5:00 p.m. Barbecue dinner and Western entertainment at City Park
- 8:00 p.m. Special entertainment program in Auditorium
- 9:30 p.m. Dance (Randy Lee & the Rebels)

Saturday, August 6th

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast begins
- 9:00 a.m. Business Meeting and Ladies program
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch and Awards meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Rodeo at the County Fairgrounds
- 7:00 p.m. President's Banquet

Those of you who are planning to attend, please fill out the following registration form and mail it with your registration fee as soon as possible.

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Friday tour preferred (as described above): <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C		
Method of travel to encampment: <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> RV <input type="checkbox"/> Tour bus		
(If coming by bus, please indicate the Bus Lines being used: _____ Phone _____)		
Will you be staying for Church Sunday? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
(We'd love to have you, but no meals will be served Sunday morning & restaurants are few.)		
REGISTRATION FEE: \$85/person		
(The registration fee covers everything, except housing, for the time you're here - including all meals, rodeo, entertainment, tours, etc.)		
TOTAL DUE: \$ _____ (\$85 x Number included)		
DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION — JULY 15, 1988		
Send registration to: LITTLE COLORADO SUP CHAPTER, c/o Keith Shreeve, President		
P.O. Box 456, St. Johns, AZ 85936 (602-337-4723)		

All Freeways, Highways, Byways, Trails and Paths Lead to St. Johns, Arizona for the 1988 Annual S.U.P. Encampment

by D. P. Bartschi

Newly-appointed Eastern Arizona Stake President, Jessie N. Smith, was disappointed; he had been assigned by Pres. Erastus Snow to locate the equally newly-created Eastern Arizona Stake in St. Johns. It was January 16, 1879. President Smith had found the Barth Brothers, Sol, Morris and Nathan, quite unwilling to share any of the 1200 acres of the choice land they held on a squatter-right title. After consultation with his company leaders, President Smith trailed his pioneer company southward the 40 miles to Snowflake - here they drew for lots and farming land - Joseph Fish headed the Committee on the land distribution.

Soloman Barth, adventurer-trader, had come on the St. Johns area in 1864 - following his burros packed with salt from the Zuni salt lake deposits in the mining camps near Prescott. Strangely enough, Barth, a native of Posen, East Prussia, had been associated with the Mormons. He pushed and pulled a handcart with his Uncle into the Salt Lake Valley - later to trek to San Bernardino, thence to La Paz, Arizona in 1862. In 1864 entrepreneur Barth had landed a mail contract, freighting between Albuquerque and Prescott - no doubt his route took him through the St. Johns area. In November of 1868 the seriously playful Apaches waylaid mailman Barth with several of his associates. After several hours of Apache fun and frolic the prisoners were released, being relieved of all their worldly goods including clothing. Barth and his company staggered into the Zuni Village four days later - gaunt and emaciated after sharing the carcass of a mangy and flea-bitten dog that had followed them from the Apache camp.

No doubt Barth had now begun to feel the urge to settle down. He called in his brothers; with a small crew of laborers threw a dam across

the Little Colorado (perhaps the first hundreds of futile efforts) and began irrigating a few acres of their 1200 acre squatter-right claim. This was in the fall of 1873. The Barths called the place San Juan in honor of the first female resident, Senora Maria San Juan Baca de Padilla; later to become St. Johns.

The Barth Brothers worked their claim, rebuilt their dam almost annually. After each flood season, the rampant and unpredictable Little Colorado swept away their dam, ditches and crops. They began again with high hopes for almost six years.

Even though they refused President Smith's offer in early 1879, by late that year they were considering offers. On November 16th, they agreed to sell, including three claims at the Meadows. Ammon M. Tenney was the buying agent with an offer of 770 head of American cows - 670 head from the Church and 100 head loaned by W. J. Flake. The total value of the livestock was set at \$19,000.00 - this amount was later furnished by the Church for the erection of the St. Johns Academy. The area was now opened and many buyers and settlers moved in to pioneer the St. Johns area.

Tenney was assigned and recognized as head of the little colony - in December he welcomed two missionary families and colonizers from Ogden, Utah; Jos. H. Watkins and Wm. F. James; a substantial addition to the isolated community. Church ties and activities were strong and immediate - later in December the first religious service was held in the home of Donasiano Gurule, Apostle Wilford Woodruff presiding. On March 27, 1880 a quarterly Stake Conference was held in Snowflake and 190 faithful Saints reported from St. Johns. A few days after the Snowflake Conference Apostle Woodruff directed a survey of the townsite (about a mile and a half down-river from the present site) - in September 1880 Apostles Erastus Snow and Francis M. Lyman visited and recommended moving to "higher ground." A few houses and improvements were abandoned and the move was made - the new site was called "Salem" - granted a post office and appointed a Mormon, Sixtus E. Johnson, as postmaster. Somehow Johnson

never received the post office keys from his non-Mormon predecessor, E. S. Stover.

On October 9, 1890 David K. Udall arrived in St. Johns from Kane County, Utah to serve for many years as Bishop and ecclesiastical leader. Bishop Udall's first chapel was a "bowery" of greasewood. A schoolhouse had been built and Mrs. Anna Romney was the teacher. Soon after settlement, A. F. Banta had established and edited a weekly newspaper, "The Pioneer Press" - in January 1883 Mormon M. P. Romney was assigned editor.

The early years could hardly be termed as times of peace, plenty and tranquil pristine plentitude. In the spring of 1885 Church President John Taylor issued a tithing office order for \$1,000 along with \$1,187 from Utah Stakes to assist St. Johns' Saints for "foodstuffs and seed grain." Their will to survive was mighty.

The peace of the village was sometimes shattered and shaken. On June 24, 1882 a certain Nat Greer, riding with a crowd of fractious and fun-loving Texas cowboys, rode into the Mexican village - the Greer Gang had previously earned the hostility of the village by "earmarking" one of their members in a horse-stealing charge. In the melee and exchange of gunfire, Jim Vaughn and Sheriff E. S. Stover were killed; Harris Greer and Francisco Tafolla were wounded. In the intervening years, St. Johns would know its victories and adversities.

Today the Little Colorado SUP Chapter, Keith Shreeve, President, and his Chapter members and the citizens of St. Johns invite you to join them in exploring, seeing, reading and hearing more about the folklore and history of St. Johns environs. They will bring back some of the charm, the fascination and the delightful hospitality of the Old West - of course you must be there to experience all this.

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St. Johns Presents Active Encampment Committee

The St. Johns Chapter of SUP reports a very active Encampment Committee. In all phases of preparation for this outstanding event they are proceeding with detailed preparations. Guests will receive special attention, much interesting instruction and some first class entertainment.

Encampment guests are in for a real treat in St. Johns this August.

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LET US ALL SUPPORT THE SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS by attending the National Encampment in St. Johns on August 4, 5, 6, 1988.

If you are in need of transportation and room reservations, there are several chapters that have buses where they have scheduled an exciting tour to St. Johns and back to Salt Lake City.

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Pioneer History Coming West

by Robert Wagstaff

If we lived the days of early pioneers just how much faith would we have?

Mary Bethsheba Gillions was born October 18, 1788 in Bedfordshire, England. Know nothing of her early life only that she married Isaac Wagstaff in the Parish Church on October 12, 1808. Her daughter, Rachael Eleanor, was eight years old when her father passed away. A superstition existed when anyone died that they were to tell the Bees. The hive or hives faced the driveway where the hearse drives out.

Rachael Eleanor, being very ill, heard about the L.D.S. missionaries and went to the Church of England and asked the minister of his reaction. He said, "Preaching false doctrine." But listening to the missionaries seemed to be true. After three years of illness, she was baptized and made well. The family emigrated to Utah. Arrived at New Orleans, leaving the ship, and went up the Mississippi River to Keokuk, Iowa. Arriving in St. Louis, they were met by the oldest son, William, his wife, and two small sons.

William joined the Company in which his mother, sister, brother-in-law where to travel to Utah also with a friend, John Brown, who later became a Bishop in Pleasant Grove, Utah. Later on Mary's grandsons married three of John Brown's daughters.

After a long and weary trek over mountains, rivers, and unbroken trails, they arrived in Salt Lake City, September 9th, 1853, three months after leaving Winter Quarters. Mary Bathsheba had walked most of the way, stayed in Salt Lake City a short time and then accompanied Rachael to Nephi, Utah. Later she went to Lehi to live and be with her daughter, Mary, who was then Mrs. William Bone.

She died October 28, 1856 in Lehi at the age of 68. She was ill most of the time that she was in Utah because of malnutrition. Her diet mostly consisted of Sego roots, dandelions, pig weed, and wild mustard weed. She was buried in Lehi Cemetery and the grave is now obliterated. A kind person, loved by all who knew her. She was a mother of eleven.

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Early Stakes

When the ecclesiastical subdivision of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints designated as the St. Johns Arizona Stake was severed from the Eastern Arizona Stake, it encompassed an area equal in size to that of the states of Connecticut and Maryland combined.

Boundaries of stakes in rural areas are generally loosely defined, or perhaps not defined at all. Likely then, the least cumbersome method of describing the geographical area of the stake is to say that in its original formation it straddled the Arizona-New Mexico state line for some two hundred miles north and south, with undetermined boundaries on each end as also either side.

The first stake in the state (territory) of Arizona was the Little Colorado, with headquarters at Sunset, near present-day Winslow. The date of organization is given as January 27, 1878. One year and five months later came the organization of the Eastern Arizona Stake. With its 37,500 square mile area, it reached from Moenkopi on the north to the Gila Valley on the south; easterly from Horsehead Crossing (Holbrook) it traversed northern Arizona and spilled over into western New Mexico. It has been suggested that in area, the Eastern Arizona Stake is the largest ever to come under the jurisdiction of one stake president.

The Little Colorado and the Eastern Arizona Stakes persisted as the only two in Arizona until the creation of the Maricopa Stake in December of 1882. Following Maricopa by two-and-a-half months, the St. Joseph Stake came into being. The Eastern Arizona Stake retained its vast jurisdictional domain for eight years before it was altered. The change came on July 23, 1887.

On that date, the St. Johns Stake was organized by acquiring seven wards and two branches from the parent stake, and installing David K. Udall, Elijah Freeman, and William Gibbons as the stake presidency.

In this worldwide church, St. Johns is among the oldest of the stakes. In the early days of the Church, twelve stakes were formed in Ohio, Missouri, and Illinois and elsewhere along the middle border. It was, of course, necessary to disband these units when the Saints began their exodus to the Great Salt Lake Basin. Other stakes have come and gone. Consequently, there are only twenty-five stakes in the Church older than we are.

In Arizona, only Maricopa and St. Joseph precede the St. Johns Stake in point of origin. By reason of this prestigious position, and were it not for a few lesser stakes in Utah, the St. Johns Stake might well be termed the center stake of Zion.

We are confident that our neighboring Arizona stakes will concur in such a designation.

There is an old saying in the Church that it took the first one hundred years to get the first one hundred stakes. That brings us to April 6, 1930. But even then, there were only four stakes in Arizona. The Snowflake Stake, the fourth among these, was created on December 18, 1887. It would be another fifty years, two months, and two days before another Arizona stake was formed—that would be the Mount Graham, with Spencer W. Kimball as stake president.

In a day and age when a new stake is organized on an average of one every five days, these figures seem rather lonely. When considering the growth of the Church, we are reluctant to use such tired old adjectives

as phenomenal or incredible, but nothing else seems to fit.

The first decade following the founding of the St. Johns Stake saw little change in the lifestyle of those who made up its membership.

Permanent solutions to irrigation problems were far from a reality. To further aggravate the settlers in their primitive environment, there were the elements, the hostility of their neighbors, disease, pestilence, and the lawless element.

Under these conditions, the growth of the stake remained static. Is it any wonder? In such a climate, the colonists were largely preoccupied with merely staying alive. Even so, they found time to practice their religion. Proselyting persisted among ethnic groups. Other religious services continued uninterrupted.

Among the more troublesome of the elements was the wind. Men struggled with it and cursed it as they pursued their daily labors. Betimes it seemed to them that the sole function of the wind was that of sculpturing the sandstone cliffs around which it howled incessantly.

Legend has it that a company of pioneers back in the 1880s were making their way down to the Gila Valley with their wagons and ox teams. They camped one evening on the banks of the Little Colorado River about due east of where the town of St. Johns is presently situated. By morning the wind was blowing so hard they decided to hold up a few days until the gale subsided. You guessed it—the wind never stopped. They are still here.

To the settlers of the area, there was nothing humorous about it. Men endured it, but its effects on the lives of the women were greater. Less catastrophic in immediate effect than drought or cloudbursts, the spring wind which blew with a

furious monotony cut away at morale until at times it seemed life could scarcely go on. Coming from the southwest, the wind blasted down from the Mogollon Rim, rising in its fury as it broke from the pines and cedars of the upcountry to sweep across the desert, flinging rice-sized pebbles before it, filling the atmosphere with dust, and piling sand in drifts.

In her diary, one dispirited pioneer wife wrote: "Monday, March 2: the wind blows all the time day and part of the time nights and I feel nearly sick. Tuesday, April 14, the wind it blows night and day, it is just fearful the sand drifts like snow . . . John is herding cows William is reeding it seems lonely and dreary when the wind blows. Wednesday, April 15, the wind blew hard all night and all day . . . Thursday, (sic) April 16, all well but the wind gets worse and worse night and day. Saturday, April 18, John came home this morning the wind was so bad Thursday (sic) they laid up all day and could not travel. I cleaned up all the rooms and had a bath and am going to town . . . Sunday, April 19, today is fearful the wind blows so bad . . . Thursday, (sic) April 30, this ends the month and I dont beleave there has been one day that the wind did not blow it has damaged the crops and covered them with sand filled up the ditches and made it very unpleasant."

But listen to her final entry: "But our Heavenly Father knows what this wind is for." Her incorrigible faith, and other of those troubled times, has its parallels, but is not found to be surpassed elsewhere.

It seems that not only did the elements conspire against the settlers; other scourges arose to vex them in their primitive homes. The plagues which ill-beset Pharoah of ancient Egypt were but little greater than those which afflicted the colonists of the period. Bed bugs—oh yes—bed bugs. These craven little creatures became a matter of grave concern. Consider the misfortunes of this good brother: "We had scarcely began the meeting when they started. I never saw such a swarm of them. After I had taken my turn, I took a seat on a little box. That box was fairly alive with them. I sat quietly crushing them with my

feet as they chased one another across the floor. My situation was very undesirable, but others seemed more or less engaged in the same business. Brother Jones was speaking, and was really giving us a good sermon, but I was not in a situation to appreciate it. My greatest desire was that he would get to the 'amen.' But that was word it seemed he couldn't find. Finally, I could stand it no longer. I betook myself to the wood pile, and commenced a still hunt . . ."

Nor was this an isolated incident. Similar circumstances prevailed along the river from Alpine to Sunset. Early arrivals existed under the most miserable of all possible conditions. Some lived in wagon boxes; some in dugouts; others in log huts with no windows, dirt floors, and a mud roof.

In the construction of these crude dwellings, cottonwood or pine logs were frequently used. These materials provided ideal conditions under which these most heinous of all the creatures that crawl could multiply and torment the inhabitants.

Although perhaps less troublesome, rodents and reptiles were a problem. Under the improvised housing conditions, only the larger of these little animals were denied access to the pioneer's living quarters.

The intrusion of snakes into the dwellings of the settlers, while particularly unnerving to the feminine occupants, were sometimes allowed. Blow snakes were not exactly welcome, but were tolerated by reason of their ability to assist in the control of the mouse population.

Perhaps not paramount but central to the well-being of the early settlers of the St. Johns Stake, was the problem of water rights and land ownership. Prior to 1879, there had been no government survey of public lands in the territory. Township and section lines were nonexistent until the mid 1880s.

Throughout the history of the West no other element of the pioneering process was ever more vigorously disputed than water rights and land ownership. More friendships have been lost, bitter quarrels remained, neighborhoods split, and range wars fought over these issues than all other reasons in

the book.

Western New Mexico and Little Colorado settlers were not immune to these difficulties. It almost produced a lethal rift in the success of the Mormon settlement in the area. In a very real way then, the controversies experienced by the Mormons were simply a replay of those inherent throughout the arid regions of the West—the players might change, but the state remained the same.

Mormon immigrants were not the first in the Little Colorado Basin. Very early in the 70s, New Mexican cattle and sheep men spread their ranges throughout the area of the Mormon settlements in western New Mexico and into the Little Colorado Valley. Soon vast herds were ranging through the entire region without let or hindrance, or concern of land ownership.

To worsen the problem, men were shipped in as cowpunchers, but could more properly be classified as thugs, misfits, and hoodlums. In essence, the O-O's, the Hashknife, and the Cibola cattle barons took control of northern Arizona grazing.

To further aggravate and complicate, there were the claims rising out of railroad land grants. One disillusioned Mormon rancher became so despondent that he "moved to have the whole matter laid over till the morning of the first resurrection and then burn all the papers the day before." In the atmosphere of the times, Mormon settlers were not only unwelcome, but were vigorously opposed. The larger companies with their hoodlums, lawyers, and corporate size coerced the settlers; and threatened them through intimidation, law suits, and strong-arm tactics.

Land was central to Mormon colonization. The settlers, acting in good faith, made land purchases based upon squatters' rights, only to find titles obscured by prior claims. Too often, claims were vague and unreliable. Thus, Mormon land rights were subject to contests from the first.

Generally, historians concur that the most long-lived and bitter disputes developed at Ramah, Round Valley, and St. Johns. In these communities not only in-
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dividual land ownership came into question, but there was also an assault on the validity of the location of the townsites.

Amid these complications, we can hardly begin to imagine the physical and psychological strains suffered by the settlers. The complexities inherent in the settling of land titles, ownership, and squatters' rights, as they pertain to the Mormons are so complicated as to be inconsistent within the scope of this narrative. Thus, let it merely be said that by the mid-1890s, most western New Mexico and Little Colorado settlers had acquired clear title to their land.

With a discipline of faith and secure in the conviction of their divine callings, they met their frontier problems—met them and solved them.

The cover photograph is by Wayne Davis, Box 159, St. Johns, Arizona 85936. It's a photo of Sheep Crossing, Little Colorado River at White Mountains, Arizona.

The Sunshine Generation, A National Children's Group, Offers To Entertain SUP Chapters In Salt Lake Area

The national office of the SUP has received a communication from Kathy Nelson, phone 966-0549, at Tooele. This is a group of children, organized nationally to assist gifted children to develop their talents, in six major areas of development:

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SUP Pioneer Library

by Francis M. Partridge, Librarian

Your Pioneer Library continues to grow. Recent acquisitions have included two brand new books: Utah, A People's History by Dean L. May and Historic Sites and Markers Along the Mormon Trail by Stanley B. Kimball.

Our list of donators of historical material is longer than usual because we missed the last issue. Those participating have been: Rees H. Anderson, M.D., Frank A. Brown, Douglas L. Cheney, J. Smith Decker, Wren Benson Egan, Mrs. Henry S. Florence, Raymond Phillips Gledhill, George R. Gygi, Howard E. Hoffman, Stanley B. Kimball, Dean L. May, Ruth McIntire, Fredrick Lee Muir, Lewis B. Murdock, John J. Nielsen, Ogden Pioneer Chapter, Francis M. Partridge, V. Vee Reynolds, South Davis Chapter, Homer and Phoebe Stringham, Sugar House Chapter, Spencer L. Taggart, Henry D. Taylor and Erla Palmer Young.

Here are some books needed for your Library. If you should have any of them available it would be appreciated if you could let the Library have them.

Heart Throbs of the West. Needed Volumes are 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11.

Treasures of Pioneer History. Needed Volumes are 1, 2 and 3. These are publications of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

Also it was reported to us that a book on Eliza R. Snow was written by Nicholas G. Morgan and published with the assistance of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. If any of you have a copy of this book that you could spare, it would be really appreciated.

Many interesting donations of books, pictures, magazines and historical articles are being received. Volunteers are needed to work in the S.U.P. Library for perhaps 1/2 day a week. Work would involve sorting, indexing, filing and computer operation. Also helping patrons find information that is on file. No previous library experience is required. I will show you what needs to be done. My home phone is 278-1567. I am usually at the Library on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

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Deseret News 138 Years Old

by Leo L. Mower

On Friday evening, May 13th, the Holladay Chapter held a very "newsy" dinner meeting. There will be more about this very shortly.

The meeting began by the singing of "O Ye Mountains High" led by Paul C. Lyon, board member, and accompanied by Florence Smith. The prayer and blessing on the food was by Francis Partridge, National Librarian, with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Reed L. Walker, President-elect.

Clive B. Jolley, First Vice-president, gave timely encouragement on the memorialization of our ancestors by having their names placed on the bronze plaques in the main hall. We can also memorialize ourselves and our wives by having our names placed on the tile in the stairway and lower hallway.

A biographical sketch was given by Florence Clark Deline of her mother, Ethel Shirley Clark, a pioneer in both Mexico and in Utah. Sister Deline has been and now is very active in the Daughters of Utah Pioneers. She emphasized that she "really" is a Daughter of a Utah Pioneer. Her father walked across the plains to Utah when he was 14 years old.

Frank Brown, Area Vice President, presented a membership to one of our latest Life Members, Mark D. Van Wagoner, along with a membership card to our very newest member, Daniel Reed Laker. Piano duets were played by Mrs. Florence C. Smith and her daughter Loretta Smith Shupe.

Now back to the "news." William James Mortimer, president and publisher of the "Deseret News," the Mountain West's oldest newspaper, was the guest speaker.

Chapter President Hollis Smith introduced Mr. Mortimer, listing both his past accomplishments and his present business, civic and Church responsibilities. His past accomplishments are many and his present very major responsibilities number just under twenty. These are in addition to those duties in regards to his Deseret News respon-



sibilities that are on-going all days of the week.

Mr. Mortimer began by relating those kinds of experiences he claims have brought about a love-affair between himself and the Deseret News. Newspapers are both informative and amusing and there are more of both kinds of information appearing in them each day. "There is," he said, "never a dull moment." He told of the many sections of the paper and of the great value it can be to those people who will only take advantage of the enormous amounts of valuable information that is there to help them with their daily lives and especially with their day-by-day occupations and professions. Something is there that can be of great significance to everyone if they will only look for it and then use it in the ways best suited to them.

He concluded by telling of the history of the newspaper, dwelling especially on why and when it came into being and upon the types of information it would contain.

The first publication of the "Deseret News" was on June 15, 1850. There were about 300 paid subscribers at that time. The motto of the paper was "Truth and Liberty."

The first two paragraphs of the paper read as follows: *"We propose to publish a small weekly sheet, as large as our local circumstances will permit, to be called 'Deseret News,' designed originally to record the passing events of our State, and in connection, refer to the arts and sciences, embracing general education, medicine, law, divinity, domestic and political economy, and every thing that may tend to promote the best interest,*

welfare, pleasure and amusement of our fellow citizens."

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The benediction was offered by Lewis B. Murdock, a member of the Holladay Chapter and the Executive Director of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

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Historic Wheeler Farm Is Reactivated and Reopens with Stage Presentation of "Brother Brigham" by James Arrington

The Wheeler Farm is an old pioneer farm on old 39th Street south of Salt Lake City. The old farm buildings, equipment and atmosphere have been preserved in their pioneer condition. For years the Farm has been open to visitors, wanting to know how the farm folks lived in the past days, and wanting to see a genuine old farm in operation.

The Wheeler Farm has now been remodeled into a showcase of farm life, and is opening its 1988 season with a presentation of "Brother Brigham," a stage play in which Brigham is portrayed by James Arrington.

Tickets for this production may be purchased at the Farm, 6351 South 900 East, Monday through Friday, or at the time of the show. If purchased in advance admission is \$5.00, at the gate the price will be \$6.00. Guests should bring blankets to sit on the lawn while viewing the production.

The production is the culmination of several years research and is a "penetrating portrayal of Brigham Young in exact life size."

Prominent Utahn Dedicates Brighton Plaque

On June 10, 1988, at the regular monthly dinner meeting of the Holladay Chapter, a plaque entitled "Brighton" was dedicated by William M. Timmins, a chapter member. William, a very prominent Utah man in business and education, is a direct descendant of William Stuart Brighton through his mother, Mary Brighton Timmins. Mary and her descendants have sent twenty-five sons and grandsons on missions. Obviously the Brighton's influence will continue for generations unborn.

The Brighton plaque will be located on the north balcony of the national headquarters building of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers for all to see. It reads as follows: *William Stuart Brighton was born in Lanarkshire, Scotland in 1829. He married Catherine Bow (born in 1827 at Sterling, Scotland) in 1850. He was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1844. They immigrated to Missouri in 1855 with two children, one of whom was a two year old daughter, Mary, who was buried at sea during the passage. They came to Utah in 1857 by hand-cart company. They had four sons born in the United States--Robert, William, Thomas, Daniel, and Janet, born in Scotland.*

In 1871 William S. Brighton claimed over 100 acres of the top of Big Cottonwood Canyon. William and Catherine built the first hotel there at "Brighton" in 1874. It was razed in 1945. Later they added cottages, the original Brighton store, a post office, a telephone service, a dairy service, freight haulage, a bakery and a sawmill.

Catherine Bow Brighton named the lakes around Brighton--"Mary" after her infant daughter, "Catherine" after herself, "Martha" after a friend, etc. About 1887 the Brighton sons built the first telephone line through Brighton to Alta. The world famous ski resort and area is now permanently called "Brighton" after this early family.

William Stewart Brighton died in 1895 and Catherine Bow in 1894. They were buried in the Salt Lake City Cemetery.



William M. Timmins

S. L. Pioneer Chapter Sponsors Father/Daughter Lunch Also Sunrise Service for Days of '47

by Larry A. Eggett

Begin Pioneer Day right by attending the annual Days of '47 Sunrise Service. It will be held on Monday, July 25, 1988, at 7:00 a.m. in the Tabernacle. The speaker will be Elder Glen L. Rudd of the First Quorum of Seventy, and the music will be provided by the Millcreek Region L.D.S. Choir. This promises to be an outstanding program--one which S.U.P. members and their families won't want to miss. It will be sponsored by the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter of S.U.P.

Members of the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter were joined by their daughters, granddaughters, and daughters-in-law on April 13 for the annual father/daughter luncheon in the Lion House. Our guest speaker for this occasion was Kathleen Loveless, a former Miss Utah, a successful businesswoman, recently appointed to the gubernatorial campaign staff of Ted Wilson. She spoke of the importance of the father-daughter relationship, and she stressed how essential it is for young women of today to prepare for the future since the future holds no guarantees. "Education," she said, "is the key to that preparation."

Our speaker for our luncheon on May 11 was Grant Hale, former National President of S.U.P., and President of the Past-Presidents' Council. He presented slides of the National Headquarters Building, and told of various programs sponsored by the S.U.P. It was a most interesting presentation.



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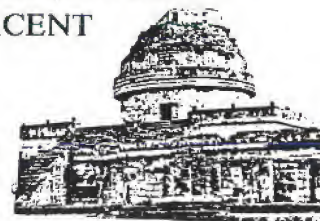
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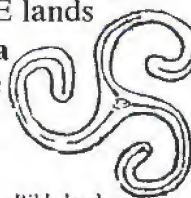


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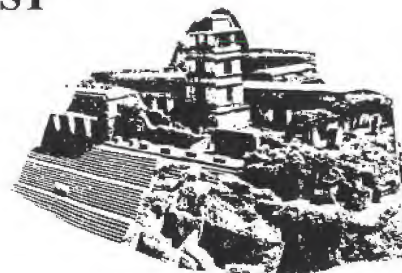


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Chapter Eternal

Kenneth Anerson

Kenneth Anerson, prominent Church and civic leader, and member of the Murray Chapter of SUP, died April 25, 1988, at the age of 86. Notwithstanding serious health problems, he was very active in the Murray Chapter, brought in many members, and readily became a Life Member recently. He was a great booster for SUP. He is survived by his widow. He was preceded in death by two previous wives and is survived by his third wife. We are not informed as to any family he may have left.

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Charles Junior Kimber

Charles Junior Kimber, a member of the Box Elder Chapter of SUP, died May 7, 1988, at the age of 70. He was a prominent civic and religious leader, a Past President of Lions as well as Sons of Utah Pioneer. He was a banker by profession, but also owned and operated a farm at Grouse Creek, Utah. He is survived by his widow, a son, three daughters and eleven grandchildren. He was a veteran of World War II and a Past Post Commander.

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O. Layton Alldredge

O. Layton Alldredge, a past member of the Olympus Hills Chapter of SUP, died June 9, 1988. He was a missionary of the LDS Church in South Africa where he saw much growth of the Church in that area. He supervised the construction of 14 new chapels in that area. He was a Bishop and Stake President, a member of the Church General Missionary Committee and held many other offices in the Church. He worked for the Church Building Committee and supervised the construction of many chapels in various parts of the United States. He is survived by two sons, two daughters and 16 grandchildren.

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Oliver Wendell Hyde

Oliver Wendell Hyde, a member of the Ogden SUP Chapter, died April 23, 1988 in Ogden. He was a graduate of USU and worked as an engineer for Western Electric Co. Active in the LDS Church, he was a Bishop and High Councilman. He is survived by his widow, one son and one daughter, 12 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

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Elmo Gerber

Elmo Gerber, age 78, a member of the Mesa Chapter of SUP, died May 7, 1988. He was prominent in civic and Church affairs in the Mesa-Phoenix area. He held many positions in the LDS Church, including Stake President, Temple Presidency, and many other callings. He served in the Navy during the last war, and was active in Boy Scouts of America, Red Cross and the Temple Ministerial Association. He is survived by his wife, one son and two daughters and seven grandchildren.

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Russell Rich

Russell Rich, a Past President of the Brigham Young Chapter of SUP, died April 25, 1988, at the age of 76. He was an instructor in the Institute of Religion at BYU. He had a long and illustrious career, beginning with the office of Student Body President of USU, where he attended school. He was a missionary, High Councilor, Temple Worker, Bishop and held other offices in the Church. He is survived by his wife of Orem, three sons, two daughters and thirty grandchildren.

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Carl J. Smith

Carl J. Smith, a member of the Oquirrh Mt. Chapter of SUP, died May 5, 1988. He was a prominent civic and Church leader. He served in WW II. He graduated in engineering from the USU. He worked for the U.S. Government on the Columbia River Basin Project. He was Chief of the Project Engineering Branch of the Nevada Test Site for a number of years. He was active in Boy Scouts and was a member of the West Valley Board of Administration. He is survived by his widow, a son and a daughter and by five grandchildren.

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Olean Petersen

Olean Petersen, a member of the Murray Chapter of SUP, died May 16, 1988. He was a member of the LDS Church and served diligently in many positions of leadership. He grew up in Logan but spent his adult years in Salt Lake City, where he raised his family. He is survived by his widow, three sons and two daughters.

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Robert Wilson Forrest

Robert Wilson Forrest, a member of the Box Elder Chapter of SUP, died June 2, 1988. He was a veteran of World War II, a postal clerk by profession. He was active in the LDS Church, being a scoutmaster, a Sunday School Superintendent, and held other positions as well. He is survived by two sons, a daughter, eighteen grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren.

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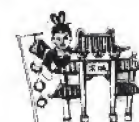


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